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1. THERE FOLLOWS SUGGESTED STATEMENTS THAT MRS. CARTER MAY
WISH TO MAKE A) UPON HER ARRIVAL, B) UPON HER DEPARTURE,
C) AND IN RESPONSE TO A TOAST THAT WILL BE GIVEN AT A DINNER
HOSTED BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL:

A. ARRIVAL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME HERE TODAY. IT BEARS OUT
WHAT I HAD BEEN TOLD OF THE HOSPITALITY OF ECUADOREANS, AND
HEIGHTENS MY ANTICIPATIONS OF THE NEXT TWO DAYS OF MY STAY HERE
WITH YOU.

FOR MANY YEARS, THE PRESIDENT AND I HAVE STRONGLY BELIEVED
IN THE NEED FOR THE UNITED STATES ONCE AGAIN TO BASE ITS RELA-
TIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA ON THE SAME HIGH PRINCIPLES AS DID
PRESIDENTS FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT AND JOHN KENNEDY. BECAUSE OF HIS
CONCERN THAT OUR RELATIONS BE PLACED ON
A NEW FOOTING, PRESIDENT CARTER ASKED ME TO MAKE THIS TRIP TO
SEVEN LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS SO EARLY IN HIS ADMINISTRATION.
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WE WISHED TO INCLUDE ECUADOR IN THE ITINERARY FOR A VARIETY
OF REASONS. FIRST, IS A LONG TRANDITION OF CLOSE TIES IN ALL
SPHERES OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, DIPLOMATIC, COMMERICAL AND CULTURAL.
WE REGARD ECUADOR AS A TRADITIONAL ALLY, A TRADITIONAL PARTNER,
AND A TRADITIONAL FRIEND.

EQUALLY IMPORTANT, ECUADOR HAS ALWAYS SPOKEN FORTHRIGHTLY AND CLEARLY ABOUT WHAT IT REGARDS AS IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES AND ISSUES. I HAVE COME TO HEAR AT FIRST HAND THE VIEWS OF YOUR NATIONAL LEADERS ON MATTERS WHICH AFFECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, AS WELL AS ON THE GREAT CHALLENGES FACING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. I ALSO HOPE TO CONVEY THE ASPIRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON REGARDING THESE ISSUES.

I AM ALSO HAPPY TO BE VISITING ECUADOR AT SUCH A VITAL PERIOD IN ITS HISTORY. ONE OF THE BULWARKS OF OUR LONG TRADITION OF FRIENDSHIP IS OUR MUTUAL DEDICATION TO AND RESPECT FOR DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS AND BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS. THIS NOT ONLY WILL FOSTER DEMOCRACY HERE, BUT WILL ALSO SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES. I APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING MORE ABOUT THEM DURING MY STAY.

FINALLY, LET ME SAY THAT I BRING TO THE ECUADOREAN PEOPLE THE GOOD WISHES OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IT IS WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT I BEGIN MY VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY.

B. DEPARTURE STATEMENT

I KNOW NOW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WHAT I ANTICIPATED WHEN I ARRIVED TWO DAYS AGO. THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY OF HOSPITABLE AND NOBLE PEOPLE. OUR HISTORICALLY CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE BASED FIRMLY ON A TRADITION OF GOOD WILL. IT HAS BEEN A MOST GRATIFYING VISIT.

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DURING MY SHORT STAY I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF QUITO AND THE BRILLIANCE OF ECUADOREAN ART AND CULTURE. I HAVE VISITED THE MUSEUM OF THE CENTRAL BANK AND HAVE SEEN THE GENIUS OF ECUADOR'S PRE-COLOMBIAN CULTURE. I HAVE VISITED LA COMPANIA AND HAVE MARVELLED AT THE DEVOUTNESS AND SKILL OF ECUADOR'S NATIVE ARTISANS IN THE COLONIAL PERIOD. I HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO SEE MODERN QUITO AND HAVE WITNESSED THE EQUITABLE BALANCE BETWEEN OLD AND NEW, BETWEEN THE TRADITIONAL AND THE MODERN.

AFTER SEEING QUITO AND MEETING HER PEOPLE I ONLY REGRET THAT I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO VISIT THE DYNAMIC AND PROGRESSIVE CITY OF GUAYAQUIL, ANOTHER CITY THAT PLAYED A UNIQUE ROLE IN THE WINNING OF LIBERTY FOR THE AMERICAS.

I HAVE ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNING SUPREME COUNCIL AND WITH GOVERNMENT MINISTERS, AS WELL AS TO MEET WITH ECUADOREANS IN MANY

WALKS OF LIFE. THESE MEETINGS HAVE ADDED IMMEASURABLY TO MY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND I HOPE THAT MY HOSTS HAVE ALSO PROFITED FROM MY VISIT. IN OUR OFFICIAL MEETINGS WE HAVE CONSIDERED AREAS OF COOPERATION THROUGH WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES CAN PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF OUR PEOPLES AND CONTRIBUTE TO WORLD PEACE AND ORDER, THE PROMOTION OF DEMOCRATIC IDEALS, AND RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL. WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROBLEMS IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT, AND IN A MOST SPECIFIC AND DETAILED MANNER AS THEY PERTAIN TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

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I BELIEVE THAT MY VISIT HAS FULFILLED ALL THE HOPES I ENTERTAINED WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED HERE. THESE PERSONAL EXCHANGES ARE VITAL TO THE CONTINUING PROGRESS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. I WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR NEEDS, YOUR HOPES AND DESIRES, AND WILL SHARE THIS UNDERSTANDING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. SIMILARLY, I BELIEVE YOUR LEADERS HAVE A CLEARER KNOWLEDGE OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND ITS OBJECTIVES.

I THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR YOUR WARMTH. YOUR HOSPITALITY, AND YOUR KINDNESS. AND I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR THE PROGRESS I HAVE SEEN. I LEAVE NOT WITH A SENSE OF REGRET, BUT OF ANTICIPATION OF THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO ECUADOR.

THANK YOU.

C. PROPOSED TOAST FOR MRS. CARTER

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND AND GRACIOUS WORDS. THEY CONVEY THE GENEROSITY AND WARMTH OF THE ECUADOREAN PEOPLE WHICH I HAVE FELT SINCE MY ARRIVAL HERE.

IT IS FITTING THAT ECUADOR IS THE FIRST COUNTRY IN SOUTH AMERICA THAT WE ARE VISITING. JUST AS THE PEOPLE OF THE BRITISH COLONIES WERE THE FIRST TO RAISE THE BANNERS OF FREEDOM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN NORTH AMERICA, SO THE PEOPLE OF ECUADOR WERE THE FIRST ON THIS CONTINENT TO DEMAND THEIR INDEPENDENCE. FROM THIS COMMON UNIQUE EXPERIENCE HAS FLOWED AN HISTORIC FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES WHICH HAVE BEEN NOURISHED EVER SINCE BY THEIR CONTINUING LOVE OF LIBERTY, OUR RESPECT FOR THE UNIVERSAL RIGHTS OF MAN, AND OUR FAITH IN DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES.

AS PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SAID, MOST RECENTLY IN HIS APRIL SPEECH BEFORE THE OAS, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS EAGER TO STAND BESIDE THOSE NATIONS WHICH RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND WHICH PROMOTE DEMOCRATIC IDEALS. WE VIEW WITH PLEASURE THE DAILY EVIDENCE THAT ECUADOR CAN BE NUMBERED AMONG THOSE NATIONS.

IT IS ALSO OUR VIEW THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE; THAT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MUST BE PURSUED JOINTLY AND VIGOROUSLY IF THE PEOPLE OF THE AMERICAS ARE TO BE TRULY FREE.

ANOTHER MAJOR CONCERN THAT WE SHARE WITH YOU IS THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THIS HEMISPHERE. MORE THAN TWO GENERATIONS HAVE PASSED WITHOUT A SERIOUS OUTBREAK OF ARMED CONFLICT IN SOUTH AMERICA. THAT IS AN ENVIABLE RECORD AND ONE WHICH MUST BE CONTINUED. WE REMAIN DEDICATED TO THAT PROPOSITION AND TO THE REGIONAL INSTRUMENTS, SUCH AS THE RIO TREATY, THAT HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE.

IN CLOSING, LET ME REITERATE THOSE COMMON VALUES AND CONCERNS WHICH DRAW OUR TWO NATIONS TOGETHER IN AN INCREASINGLY DISPARATE WORLD. WE BOTH ENVISION A BETTER WORLD; ONE WHICH OFFICERS MORE SECURITY FOR ALL NATIONS AND A MORE PROSPEROUS LIFE FOR ALL OF ITS CITIZENS; A WORLD IN WHICH ALL PERSONS CAN LIVE SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES ARE SAFE; A WORLD IN WHICH ALL PEOPLES HAVE A VOICE IN THE SELECTION OF THEIR GOVERNMENT AND THE POLICIES IT PURSUES. MR. PRESIDENT, IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR STRIVING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THAT BETTER WORLD, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOU, TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL, TO THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR, AND

TO ITS WONDERFUL PEOPLE.
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